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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MARTIN

You may have seen Kennedy reply of October 27 to Khrushchev.

US proposal for guarantee to Cuba is of course subject to Cuba behaving herself as required under Hemisphere treaties to which she is committed and as would be expected in order for her not to become embroiled with her neighbors.

In case Cuban regime misbehaves, means other than invasion are of course available to curb her activities and show our individual or collective displeasure.

If breaches of accepted norms become flagrant, US would feel that it and other Hemisphere nations would be free to take whatever measures might be required.

You may at your discretion inform Foreign Minister quietly of above, particularly if you think Government likely make public criticism of US proposal for its failure refer to wide range of subversive activities, all hard

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- U. Alexis Johnson

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to define precisely in formal documents which we would like to see Castro regime stop.

If queried by press you may draw upon above, but on background basis only

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